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1. SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD TOLD ME THIS MORNING (OCT 15) THAT THE CAIRO MEETING ON THE LEBANON PROBLEM HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 1800 LOCAL THIS EVENING; AND THAT NO RPT NO OTHER ITEM WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA. HE DOES NOT RPT NOT EXPECT THE MEETING TO LAST MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR HOURS AND PLANS TO RETURN TO SAUDI ARABIA THIS EVENING.

2. HE SAID THE MEETING WILL BE HELD WITHOUT ANY PRE-CONCEIVED NOTIONS AS TO WHAT THE SOLUTION MUST BE BUT THERE WERE, NONETHELESS, THREE ELEMENTS WHICH WERE CLEAR:

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A) THE CHRISTIAN LEADERS ARE INCAPABLE OF CONTROLLING
THEIR EXTREMISTS; THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE MOSLEM LEADERS
AND IT IS EQUALLY TRUE THAT ARAFAT CANNOT CONTROL THE
PALESTINIAN RADICALS.
NO AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON ANY OF THE NOMINAL LEADERS WOULD
BE
PRODUCTIVE.

B) THE CONSTITUTIONAL MAKEUP OF LEBANON MUST BE CHANGED.
CHRISTIAN RIGHTS MUST BE PROTECTED BUT IT IS NO LONGER
POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE FICTION OF A LEBANESE CHRISTIAN
MAJORITY.

C) IF PEACE IS TO BE RESTORED IT WILL HAVE TO
BE ARRANGED OR IMPOSED BY AN OUTSIDE FORCE.

3. AS FOR POINT 2-C ABOVE, HE COMMENTED THAT IT
MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR A UNITED NATIONS GROUP TO
COME IN, "BUT THIS IS OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE." THIS
LEAVES, HE SAID, ONLY THE POSSIBILITY OF A SYRAIN OR
AN INTER-ARAB FORCE.

4. I TOLD PRINCE SAUD THAT ISRAEL WAS OBVIOUSLY
FOLLOWING THE MATTER CAREFULLY. (HE COMMENTED HERE THATR
HE THOUGHT BOTH ISRAEL AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE AT
LEAST INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SUPPORING THE EXTREMISTS);
THAT WE HAD COUNSELED ISRAEL TO REMAIN CALM AND TAKE
NO PRECIPITOUS ACTIONS BUT IF ISRAEL FELT ITSELF THREATENED
WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO RESTRAIN IT.

5. HE SAID HE WAS DISTURBED BY THIS. WERE WE MAKING A
THREAT OR AN OBSERVATION? I ASSURED HIM IT WAS AN
OBSERVATION. HE SAID IN EITHER CASE WE SHOULD BEAR
A FEW THINGS IN MIND:

A) ISRAEL IS NOT AND CANNOT BE THREATENED BY ANYTHING
THAT GOES IN LEBANON. EVERY ARAB, AS WELL AS EVERY
ISRAELI, KNOWS THAT ISRAEL HAS THE MILITARY CAPABILITY
OF MOVING INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON-OR INTO BEIRUT FOR
THAT MATTER.
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B) EVERY ARAB HAS SEEN THE MAPS OF "ERETZ IZRAEL"
PUT OUT BY THE FIRST ZIONISTS AND EVERY ARAB BELIEVES
THAT ISRAEL HAS LONG LOOKED FOR A PRETEXT TO OCCUPY
SOUTHERN LEBANON.

C) NO ARAB WILL BELEIVE THAT THE USG COULD NOT RPT
NOT CONTROL ISRAEL IF IT WISHED TO DO SO-AT LEAST TO

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THE EXTENT OF PREVENTING AN INVASION OF LEBANON.

D) IF ISRAEL DOES MOVE INTO LEBANON THERE WILL BE GENERAL WAR IN THE AREA. (HE REPEATED THIS LAST POINT TWICE AGAIN.)

6. SAUD CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT "THE ARABS" HAD DECIDED THAT THE CHAOS IN LEBANON CANNOT CONTINUE. NO SPECIFIC DECISIONS ON HOW THIS IS TO BE DONE HAD YET BEEN REACHED BUT AN INTER-ARAB FORCE MIGHT BE THE ONLY MEANS OF RESTORING ORDER. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE LEBANESE-BOTH CHRISTIAN AND MOSELM-WOULD WELCOME SUCH A SOLUTION.
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